

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 15316 of 2007

Dated 09.08.2007

Between:

Sri Syed Lateef Ali Quadri and others.

...Petitioners

and

The Wakf Board and another.

...Respondents

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ORDER:

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For the entire area comprising of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy Districts, as of now, only one kazi is functioning. It was felt that the appointment of additional kazis is necessary, in terms of Section 2 of the Kazis Act, 1880 (for short 'the Act'). The Minorities Welfare Department, Government of A.P., second respondent herein issued a memo, dated 13.12.2006 to the Collectors

of Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy Districts, to make necessary recommendations, for this purpose. Correspondence ensued thereafter and ultimately, certain names, including those of the petitioners, are said to have been forwarded to the second respondent for consideration, in the context of appointment of additional kazis, way back in the year 2006. The grievance of the petitioners is that no action has been taken thereon so far.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for Minority Welfare Department.

The Act prescribes the procedure for appointment of kazis and additional kazis. The second respondent itself was convinced that there is a genuine necessity for appointment of additional kazis. In fact, it was on the memo issued by the second respondent that the respective District Collectors have received applications, processed the same and forwarded to the second respondent. It may be true that the examination of the cases would need some time, but the matter cannot be kept pending indefinitely.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the second respondent to finalize

the matter of appointment of additional kazis for Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy Districts, within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

09.08.2007

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